

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 17, 2022- 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on May 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Tom Wilson, Faye Hay, Crystal McQueen, Commissioners' Secretaries and Karla Bauman Auditor.

OPEN: The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Tom Linkel.

Clerk April Monthly Report: Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Clerk's monthly report for April, 2022 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes – May 4, 2022: Motion to approve the May 4th minutes by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Claims/Payroll & Payroll Deductions: Motion to approve the claims as presented in the amount of \$670,080.01 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to approve the payroll and payroll deductions in the sum of \$227,066.92 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

John Palmer – ARPA Projects: John Palmer came before commissioners to present the list of requests for projects that have been received to date. The list consists of the Government Center roof repair, ADA improvement to Government Center, EMS ambulance match, Government Center email security enhancement, Reedy ARPA Consulting fees, improvements to the Franklin County Animal Shelter, Metamora Sewer District and multiple fire departments. The request total received to date has been \$1,632,989.35. He also discussed the addition of a community building at the Franklin County Park to replace some of the existing buildings. Commissioner Linkel agreed on the need for the community center at the park but would like to see it with a generator backup so the building could be used as a storm shelter if needed. Would like to see all facilities at the park be ADA compliant. Commissioner Linkel also stated that they had received an additional quote for the repairs to the Government Center roof. The additional costs are for roof vents and anchor ties. The additional amount for these additions are \$22,350. **Motion to approve the addition of vents and anchors to the quote for the roof repairs by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.** Mr. Palmer also discussed the request of funds by the Brookville Fire Department to go towards the purchase of a ladder truck. Commissioner Linkel just wanted everybody to know that the County has 31 bridges with a under 16-ton or less restriction and a ladder truck cannot cross them. Mr. Palmer wanted everybody to understand that the ARPA funds could not be used as the county's "match" under a federal grant program.

Larry Smith – Courthouse Coupla: The coupla is currently scheduled to be put back on the courthouse on Thursday, May 19th. INDOT will be controlling the traffic and the Franklin County Highway will be the back-up. The public should expect the road to be closed for most of the day.

USI Consultants, Inc.: A contracted was presented to commissioners for bridge inspections over the next four years at a cost of \$298,596. **Motion to approve the contract with USI Consultants, Inc. for the 4-year bridge inspection plan in the amount of \$298,596 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson,**

all in favor, motion carried. Larry Smith also had a supplemental agreement for PE services on the Bridge #31 Replacement for an additional amount of \$33,547.30. **Motion to approve the supplemental agreement on Bridge #31 replacement for PE services in the amount of \$33,547.30 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.** Two quotes were received to replace the small structure on Sleepy Hollow Road. Ben Harrison Excavating - \$67,420 and Graf Concrete - \$68,418.50. **Motion to accept the quote with Ben Harrison Excavating in the sum of \$67,420 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.** Commissioner Linkel stated that the County has over 120 bridges with 11 bridges needing replaced. Commissioners had previously discussed appointing the County Engineer as the Highway Superintendent. Mr. Smith has agreed to take on that responsibility. **Motion to appoint Larry Smith as Highway Superintendent by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Jackie Wilhelm asked the Commissioners if there were plans to black top Old State Road 1. Commissioners said money would be set to the side for this but there are no plans of when the black topping will take place at this time.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Others in attendance: Bridget Hayes, Neysa Raible, Larry Smith, John Palmer, Peter Cates, Marty Hon, John Heis, Mary Strong. **By zoom:** Sara Duffy, Treasurer, News Examiner, Ruth Rowlett and Kati Callahan.

Minutes approved May 31, 2022.

Ayes:

Tom Linkel

Gerald Wendel

Tom Wilson

Nays:

Tom Linkel

Gerald Wendel

Tom Wilson

ATTESTED BY:

Karla J. Bauman
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor